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Let's Get Involved

Keeping up with the problems of a fast changing world is the business of United Crusade through United Way agencies and American Red Cross through its services.

Some 25 years ago the parent organization of United Crusade then the Community Chest, became the "War Chest" for the duration of World War II.

Pressures and problems of that period were different than today. War-separated families worried about such things as finding a place to live, having enough money to move from one part of the country to another, getting by on a monthly allotment of \$70 or more . . . mothers had to go to work to provide for their families, child day care was needed, anxiety mounted with lack of communication, loneliness and absence often "made the heart grow fonder of somebody else" and families integrated.

Out of this emotional wreckage came many of the war babies and post war babies who are the "hippies" of today, the users of LSD and marijuana. Even fairly normal youngsters feel the generation gap.

Social workers tell us that mental health is becoming the leading personal problem of every age group, closely followed by financial stress. Poverty is more acute to the desperate in the midst of an affluent society. Negroes clamor for jobs, civil rights, housing, better schools, integration. Racial unrest boils over in the cities, and other minorities are simmering.

The aged live apart from families, whether in shabby housekeeping rooms or luxurious retirement communities. More and more, people are separated and lonely.

This is a time when concerned individuals and members of the helping professions, hear the cries for help from every dingy corner of our social structure. It is a time when it is difficult for any American to remain indifferent. The cult of non-involvement is just too selfish an attitude for most of us. Leaving all of the problems up to government, local, state or federal, is like waiting for a glacier to melt and solve a water shortage.

Although the problems are too many and too complex for any of us to solve alone, we can reach out and share in the most important community endeavor to help—through our gifts of money and time to the United Crusade.

Computer On the Loose

One of California's better known banks has a vigorous mail campaign to business leaders to sell a computerized payroll service.

We don't know whether the campaign is limited to the publishing business, but if it is spread over all types of businesses, we wonder if the bank might not be in trouble.

One: the promotional letters come addressed to various Press-Herald executives (past and present), most of the names are misspelled, the addresses are wrong, and some of the persons addressed have not been associated with the newspaper for many years.

Two: the promotional letters come in batches of three, four, and five . . . all identical except for the erroneous names and addresses.

Three: A week later the whole process is repeated . . . wrong letter for wrong letter.

Makes you wonder about their computers, doesn't it.

Opinions of Others

Wealthy people miss the greatest of all thrills—that of paying the last installment.—Editor Harold S. May in the Florence (Ala.) Herald.

The average American is fast becoming a weary human being. He is war weary, inflation weary, riot weary, and tax weary. — Congressman Dave Devine, Ohio Republican.

I have made no secret of my opposition to any new taxes so long as the administration continues to ask for increased expenditures both at home and overseas. I cannot change my belief that the government should first cut all possible fat out of its budget before it demands its citizens cut the fat out of theirs.—Congressman Earle Cabell, Texas Democrat.

There's consolation in the thought that if the Congress spends all its time in investigations there will be no chance to pass any more give-away laws. — Editor Harold S. May in the Florence (Ala.) Herald.

Morning Report:

It just seems like yesterday that everybody was calling Lyndon B. Johnson the big political wheeler-dealer from Texas, the world champion arm-twister, and the all-time consensus champion. He was more popular than soap.

But now, as he goes about the White House turning off the lights, it doesn't make the papers. The former arm-twister is getting the hot foot from Congress almost daily. And a lot of people won't even believe he is a grandfather.

Probably the cruelest cut of all was the recent debate on the Vietnam war in Congress when his best defender was Senator Everett Dirksen, the Republican leader. And when a Democrat has to rely on Dirksen as a political friend, he doesn't need any more enemies.

Abe Mellinkoff

Broken (Crime) Record



FROM THE MAILBOX

Teacher Says Picketing Meant to Inform Public

Editor, Press-Herald

Considering your forthright editorial (Oct. 11) on the responsibilities of a free press to keep the public informed, I am amazed that so much of great import escaped your reporter's attention at the teacher protest rally at South High School recently, and at the teacher meetings during the past week.

The protest at South High was not intended to discourage public attendance, on the contrary, teachers hoped that they might have the opportunity to inform the greatest possible number. As for the physical act of sign carrying, which disturbed some people, when the purpose of the sign is to inform, then it would seem to make little real difference whether the sign is carried or planted impersonally along some public highway. Physical presence was evidence of personal commitment to purpose. Teachers walked with dignity, in a lawful manner, fully cognizant of the rules of peaceable assembly; the signs were designed to make a point and were neither insulting nor improper. In all, the protest rally was in the best tradition of the right of the citizen to petition and to express publicly a point of view in a responsible manner.

The message of the protesting group was not designed to be directed to students in the classroom, but after hours to the parents of children to whom we are devoted, and to the community at large. The protest was not against South High, nor any specific school. On the contrary, Torrance teachers believe in Torrance schools, and in the bright promise of the students we serve, and for this reason, we are deeply concerned with the continuing deterioration of teacher morale, and believe we have a professional obligation to inform the public of our views.

The central point of the issue is the Board of Education's continuing unwillingness to meet and confer with teacher representatives in meaningful negotiation of questions of concern to the entire educational community. Torrance teachers have attempted to discuss a variety of educational and personnel problems ranging from class size and programs to salaries and conditions of work for quality teaching, and have often been ignored or rudely dismissed by some members of the board. In accordance with the terms of the recently adopted Winton Act, the board has designated a rep-

resentative for such discussions, but has refused to recognize the work of that representative and teacher conferees as having significant value.

Teachers have no desire to usurp the board's authority or to deny them the exercise of their express powers. Neither is there an attempt to do the community's thinking; the public is invited to talk with teachers, attend board meetings, conduct their own inquiries, and make their own judgments. We in Torrance believe the best of teacher candidates must be attracted to Torrance, and must be encouraged to remain and build their careers here. We believe this can be possible as long as teacher dedication and devotion is enhanced in the district's service by positive policy pronouncements published and honored by the governing board. Protesting teachers believe that if present trends continue, it will not be possible, and they deplore the growing view held by some that Torrance serves as a training ground for other districts.

The board of education has denied the significance of nearly a year of discussions between their own representative and teacher conferees. The board remains unwilling to enter into meaningful negotiations with teacher representatives on critical issues, and has denied the significance of district administration expertise. Some board members have refused to honor the form and substance of policy authored and approved by them, and have abandoned or exchanged policies on the most sensitive of issues in favor of action motivated by impulse.

Some board members seem to have made a fetish of the "average" concept, and have adopted lowest cost per pupil figures as badges of progress. Protesting teachers believe the ultimate effect of such developments must be detrimental to the interests of children.

Teachers teach because they must; it is the substance and meaning of their lives. The dominant principle of their ethical code demands that their first consideration be a continuing concern for their students. There may be those who would have us deny that principle, but we cannot. We are satisfied that we must do whatever we can to communicate our concerns and our views to the community. We cannot believe the community is disinterested. We are sure the community wants the best conditions of

learning for their children as we do for our own. On occasion, we have been told to ". . . sit down and shut up." We prefer to stand up and be heard.

JAMES ARMSTRONG

(Editor's Note: Mr. Armstrong is an articulate spokesman for the teachers' point of view in the current dispute but he stands alone when he accuses the Press-Herald of errors in reporting the story. Through personal conversations, phone calls, and through second party reports from teachers, parents, and educators, we have been told that Henry Burke's stories have been thorough, fair and accurate. Mr. Armstrong's inference that the teacher-pickets were intended to discourage public attendance at open house events must have come from extra-curricular reading. No such implication—direct or otherwise—is contained in any story of the current ruckus published in the Press-Herald. We do welcome Mr. Armstrong's comprehensive defense of the teachers' position in this matter but cannot accept the implications about our reportage. In this case we believe Mr. Armstrong is subjective — we try very hard to be objective.)

Likes Editorials

We like your editorials, especially the one on Super Snoops and the one about the stupid Fairness Doctrine. I will write letters as a result of these editorials, but you would be surprised how many otherwise intelligent people do not know who their state and national representatives are or what the address is. Maybe a small space below your editorials could give this.

They could get it from the public library, but they get weak and discouraged before getting everything together. How weak we mortals are at times!

The big unions and even the Communist Party USA can carry on political activity without being bothered by FCC or the Federal Revenue Service in regard to tax exempt status, but let a Billy James Hargis or a Carl McIntyre start exposing communists or fellow travelers and they lose their tax exempt status and the stations which broadcast their messages have to give free time to our enemies within. I agree with you that we better wake up and write our representatives and vote in those who do our bidding.

PHILIP H. FAUCETT

CAPITOL NEWSMAKERS

Manana Has Strong Pull On State's Water Chief

By EDWIN S. CAPPS

Capital News Service

SACRAMENTO — William R. Gianelli, state director of water resources, is one official who is finding that the more things he can postpone until manana, the better off the department will be.

This is not the way Gianelli necessarily would like it, considering postponements involve construction units of the state's \$2.8 billion water project. But the cold, hard facts of money make some deferrals essential if the project is to proceed with present financing.

The huge project, authorized by the legislature in 1961, and to be financed by the vote of the people on \$1,750,000,000 in bonds in 1960, has been the victim of a number of price increases and unforced costs. The cost thus has increased by more than \$1 billion.

When Gianelli was given the assignment of taking over the department and the construction of the water project last December, he wasn't walking into it blind. Anyone familiar with water know the original bond issue wouldn't be sufficient — in fact, this was known before the bond issue was ever submitted to the people.

But the status of the project when Governor Ronald Reagan's administration took over in January was that it was about half completed and that contracts were in effect, calling for first water deliveries by 1972. Thus the new director had to prepare to make some decisions on whether to seek more money or find means of averting the need, at least temporarily.

The first thing Gianelli did was have a task force appointed to explore the financial implications. This task force reported several months ago that the project faced a short-term deficit — between now and 1972 — of \$300 million, and a long-term shortage — after 1972 — or up to \$600 million.

Since that report, Gianelli's comments have been more optimistic than might be imagined. While it seemed at first he might be trying to shoot down the report of his own task force, there actually have been some developments since the report that have improved the state's position.

For one thing, Gianelli was able to sign a contract for sale of power from Oroville dam which will bring in about \$40 million more than had been expected. The contract came as a result of long negotiations.

The good contract will permit the state to market nearly \$300 million in revenue bonds, based on power revenues, which is considerably more than had been anticipated.

In addition, Gianelli recently signed an agreement providing for federal construction of the Dos Rios dam on the Eel River. The state has been pretty well committed to construction of a dam on the Eel as the next stage of the state project.

While the state still would construct a huge diversion tunnel, under the agreement with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, federal construction of the dam will free the state from spending about \$160 million.

The third step contemplated by Gianelli to avert the short-term financial shortage is postponement of construction of certain units of the project. The task force, as well as the California water commission, said that postponements were necessary unless more money became immediately available.

In all, Gianelli is proposing the deferral of up to 16 projects — the number which could be postponed without interfering with the state's delivering water on schedule in 1972.

The list of 16 units postponed for deferral is not final and, in fact, no moves will be made to delay them

until there has been approval from the resources agency. Naturally, it would be better if they all could be built on schedule, but that is not the question.

One delay, for instance, is proposed in construction of Ferris reservoir in Riverside county, the terminal reservoir of the project. The Metropolitan Water District, one of the prime contractors for water project, is able to store the water for seven or eight years, during the delay on construction of Ferris.

Another would postpone construction of power facilities at Pyramid dam and reservoir. The delay will increase the price of water by \$1 an acre foot. Other postponements would include the recreation — only projects in the upper Feather River basin — Abbey Bridge and Dixie Refuge dams.

"With the favorable power sale contract, with federal construction of the Dos Rios dam, and with all possible deferrals in construction made, the project could reach 1972 with a cushion of about \$60 million," Gianelli said.

"After 1972, there is no doubt we will need more general obligation bond money.

"However, it's impossible to determine at this time just what the shortage will be then," he said. "So it's better to meet that problem in 1972."

Gianelli said there are three unknown quantities which make it impossible to estimate the cash needs after 1972. The first is construction of the peripheral canal around the Sacramento-San Joaquin delta, and how much the federal government will participate, if any.

The second point is the San Joaquin master drain, delayed by Gianelli because of failure to provide for repayment features, and the third unknown is \$500 million worth of contracts to be awarded between now and 1971. The cost of these contracts is not known.

HERB CAEN SAYS:

Dad Gets a Rest, Son To Give Away Business

Mike Kramer, a hippie who doesn't know he's dead, is back in S.F. from six months in Mexico and Central America, where he consumed psilocybin mushrooms, communed with the Indians and generally straightened out his thinking. He is now joining his father's firm, Orbit Graphic Arts, "for his sake. I will take over and send my father on a vacation to Mexico. While he's gone, I will give the business away and then we'll all have our heads straight." Mike's father, Hal Kramer, confirms: "I think it's a splendid idea."

Quotesville: Lord Harlech (David Ormsby-Gore), former British Ambassador to the U.S., talking about his current lecture tour: "On my first tour here, years ago, I gave a most serious speech about world affairs, and asked at the end, 'Any questions? Several people popped up to ask if I thought Princess Margaret would marry Peter Townsend. This time I'm giving an equally serious speech, about the decline of the West, and when I ask for questions, everybody wants to know if I'm going to marry Jackie Kennedy.' The answer to both questions: negative . . . By the way, remember the women's magazine that polled its readers on what headline they'd most like to see on the front page the next morning? Not 'Peace,' baby, but—'Jackie Remarries.' Keep a bag packed at all times . . . At 7:45 the other morning the phone rang in the Jackson

St. manse of Publisher John A. Victor. Mrs. Victor answered it, nudged her husband and muttered: "Some cop wants to talk to you." The highly amused "cop" on the other end: Sargent Shriver!

Comedian Michael Greer, eyeing Carol Doda on old Bawdway: "Let's see now, she's a 44 on each side, which adds up to 88 and that's just what she looks like — an Oldsmobile" . . .

Mayor Sam Yorty's office in L.A. is once again issuing invitations "to the Mayor's annual birthday party." Only annual? That's the trouble with this fund-raising gimmick of Sam's — he can't use it twice a year.

Ma Bell is reportedly a little concerned about Bishop Pike. All these long distance calls without using a phone!

The cable cars get all the glamorous publicity but Jay Gordon reports that riding the municipal buses can be fun too. He was aboard a Mission Street car the other day and there, alongside the rear exit, lounged a hippie, his bare feet propped on the rail. Down the aisle toward the exit came this little Old Lady, wearing a floor length black coat and party 1937 hat. Sniffing slightly, she stood on the treadle, humming. And as the door opened she tweaked his big toe, cackled "This little piggy went to market!" and

disappeared in a gale of giggles.

One of my collectors of brain bogglers found a bonanza at the last meeting of the Sonoma County Supervisors. Sup. Arthur Ruonavaara, impatient: "Let's get the ball on the road!" Sup. Leigh Shoemaker, asking a question: "I'm just trying to clear the air in my mind." Sup. Ignacio Vella, deploring: "I hate to see Sonoma County standing by supinely," and I'm prone to agree.

Tyrene Guthrie's description of S.F.'s Palace of Fine Arts, in one of his many books: "It looks like it was designed by Orson Welles for a scene he subsequently cut out of 'Citizen Kane.'"

Alan Grey

Says . . .

The time at murder trials . . . Is spent in legal fights . . . To see if the defendant . . . Knew all his legal rights . . . In far too many cases . . . I think you will agree . . . They can't obtain convictions . . . On a technicality . . . To me it's still disturbing . . . After serious reflection . . . That the victim of the criminal . . . Didn't get the same protection.